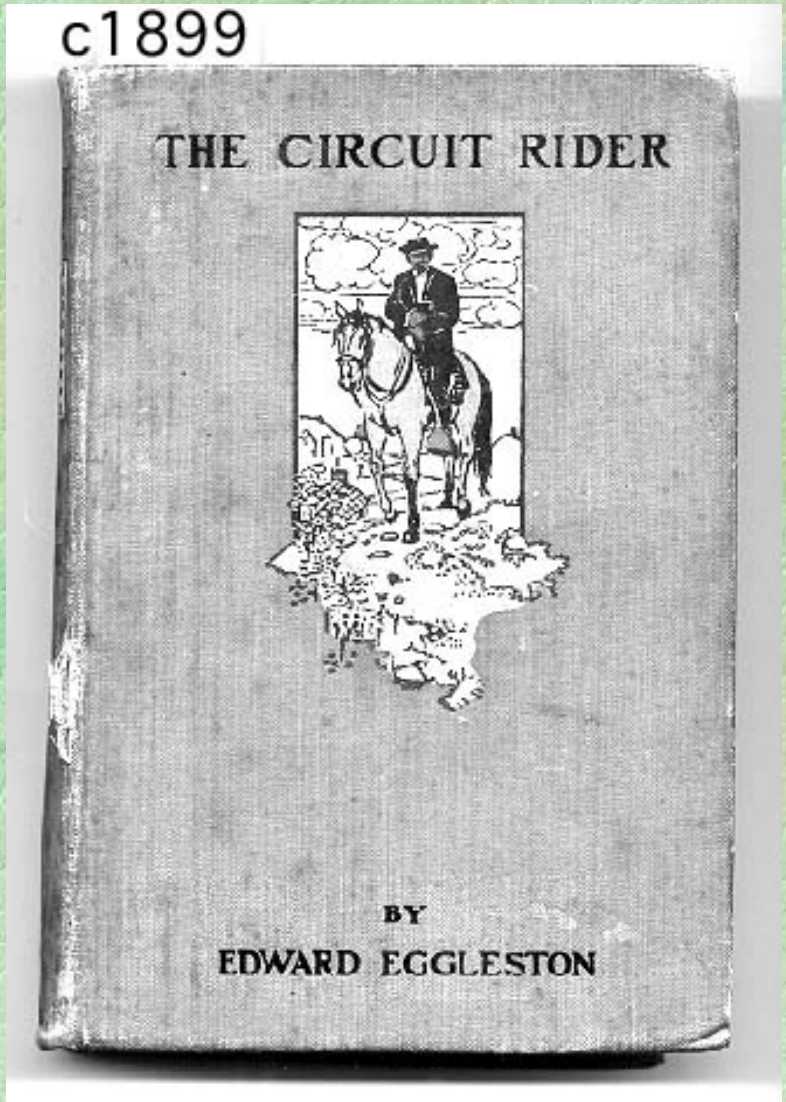
Note: This document was created as a visual to accompany a special service near the construction of the new United Methodist Church on Jones Blvd in the early 90's. Further details can be found a text document created by Margaret Novak Probasco.

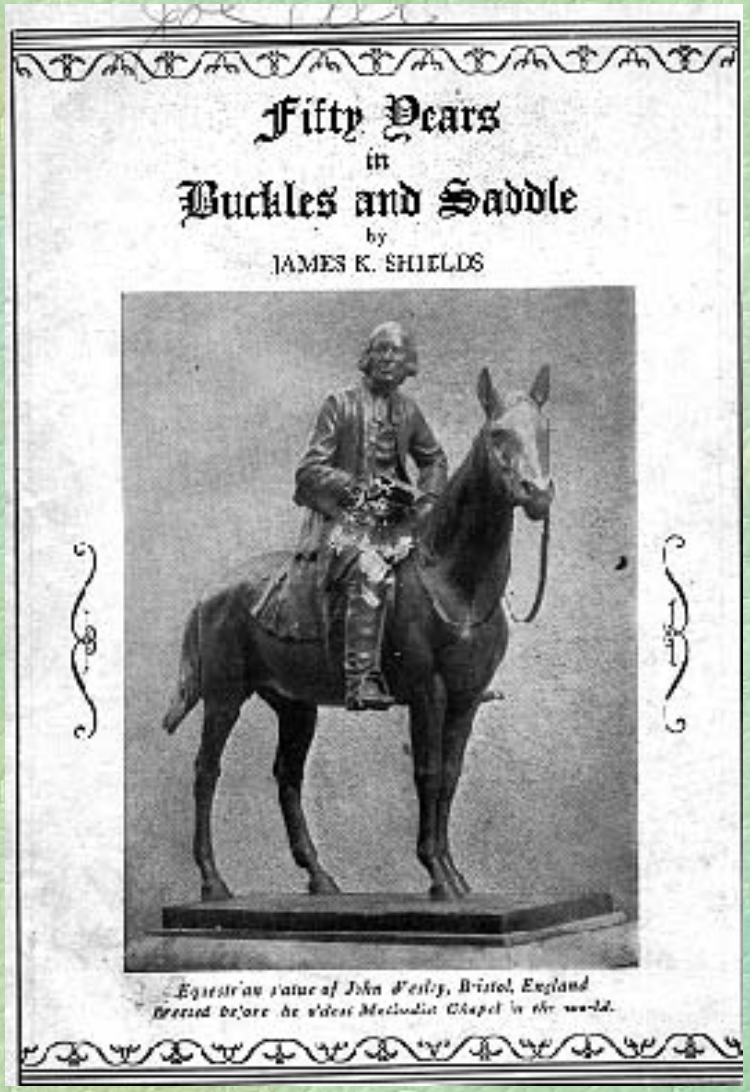
A Time to Remember

Remembering the Past...

As We Move Forward!

The circuit rider was very important in the early days of the Methodist Church in Iowa and elsewhere as these old books indicate.





The original 1855 building…

12 x 12

Cost $700

An 1857 map showing the proposed plats for the town of North Liberty.

State of Iowa Johnson County } ss

Be it Remembered that on the 13th day of October A.D. 1857 before the undersigned James Chamberlin an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Francis Bowman & Margaret A. Bowman, Patrick Murphy & Ann B Murphy to me personally known to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the above instrument and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed

Given under my hand this 13th day of October A.D. 1857

James Chamberlin J.P.

Justice of the Peace James Chamberlain gives official recognition to the plat of the Murphys' and the Bowmans'.

Enlarged view of the map. Notice that Green and Church Streets never materialized, but Front, Main and Cherry did.

Eventually a larger and better building was erected. You can see the bills for contruction in the next few sides.

Furnace bill

second floor, ... registers on third floor; all to be properly connected to furnace with IX tin heating pipes, equal to capacity of registers, and all wood work in close proximity to pipe to be covered with tin or asbestos, to properly protect same from any danger of fire. ~~All heating pipes on [illegible] painted.~~

Furnace and registers to be located in the best possible manner for economy of fuel and distribution of air. A cold air box, Tile & Brick ~~[illegible] pine lumber,~~ to supply fresh air to the furnace.

Registers on first floor to be ..... ; Registers on second floor to be ..... ; Registers on third floor to be ..... . We will furnish all material, do all labor as above specified, and leave the entire job complete all ready for use for the sum of $ 150 00 payable as follows: .....

Furnace and connections to be entirely at purchaser's risk of damage from improper care, interference from outside parties, or the imperfect condition of the building, after furnace is ready to fire up.

All changes in, or additions to above will be charged extra.

GUARANTEE: We will guarantee this furnace to work properly in every respect; to be gas and dust tight, to heat all rooms having registers connected to furnace, 70° in zero weather, if properly managed according to directions. Provided, however, that payment for furnace shall not be postponed because no zero weather occurs prior to date of payment. This estimate, specifications and guarantee to become binding as soon as accepted in writing.

Yours truly,

M A Cochran

Furnace to be completed July 30 1898.

DEAR SIRS:

I ..... hereby accept the foregoing proposition of this date, for which I agree to pay $150 00 as herein stated.

W. C. Barclay
Ch. Bd. Comm.

Iowa City, Iowa, June 30th 1898

M. E. Church North Liberty

To IOWA LUMBER CO., Dr.

DEALERS IN

G. B. LUMBARD, PRESIDENT.
J. N. COLDREN, SECRETARY.

Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Lime, Cement,
Hard Wall Plaster, Sewer Pipe, Etc.

May	27	23 Windows 3/6 1/8-2 lt 1 3/4 Gothic Open		
		" 6 " " 2/6 1 1/8 " " " "		
		" 3 Pkg Frames for same		
		" 2 Windows 24x34-2 lt 1 3/4 Gothic Open		
		" 2 Frames for same		
		" 2 Sash 1/10 3/4-1 lt 1 3/4 " "		
		" 1 Frame for same		
		" 1 Transom 3/6 at Door 1 lt 1 3/4 " "		
		" 1 Door Frame 3/6 1/0 1 3/4 Gothic Trans		
		" 4 " 4/6 9/0 1 3/4 4 S. 6 Panel		
		" 1 " 3/0 8/0 1 3/8 " " " "		
		" 1 " 3/4 8/0 1 3/4 " " "		
		" 1 " 3/6 7/0 " " " "		
		" 1 Clear Sash 2 lt 16x14		
		" 76 ft 1 3/4x4 Gable Strips		
		" 240 " 2 Member Base		
		" 208 " 1/4 Round		
		" 160 " 2 Member Casing	134	14

This is the total of a long list of lumber supplies. I can't even leave the grocery store for this amount!

Plaster

North Liberty Ia
July 7th 1898
Received of M Young
the sum of $55 in full
for plastering the M E. Church
in North Liberty
King Todley

Plumbing

STATEMENT

Iowa City, Iowa, June 1898

Church North Liberty

IN ACCOUNT WITH

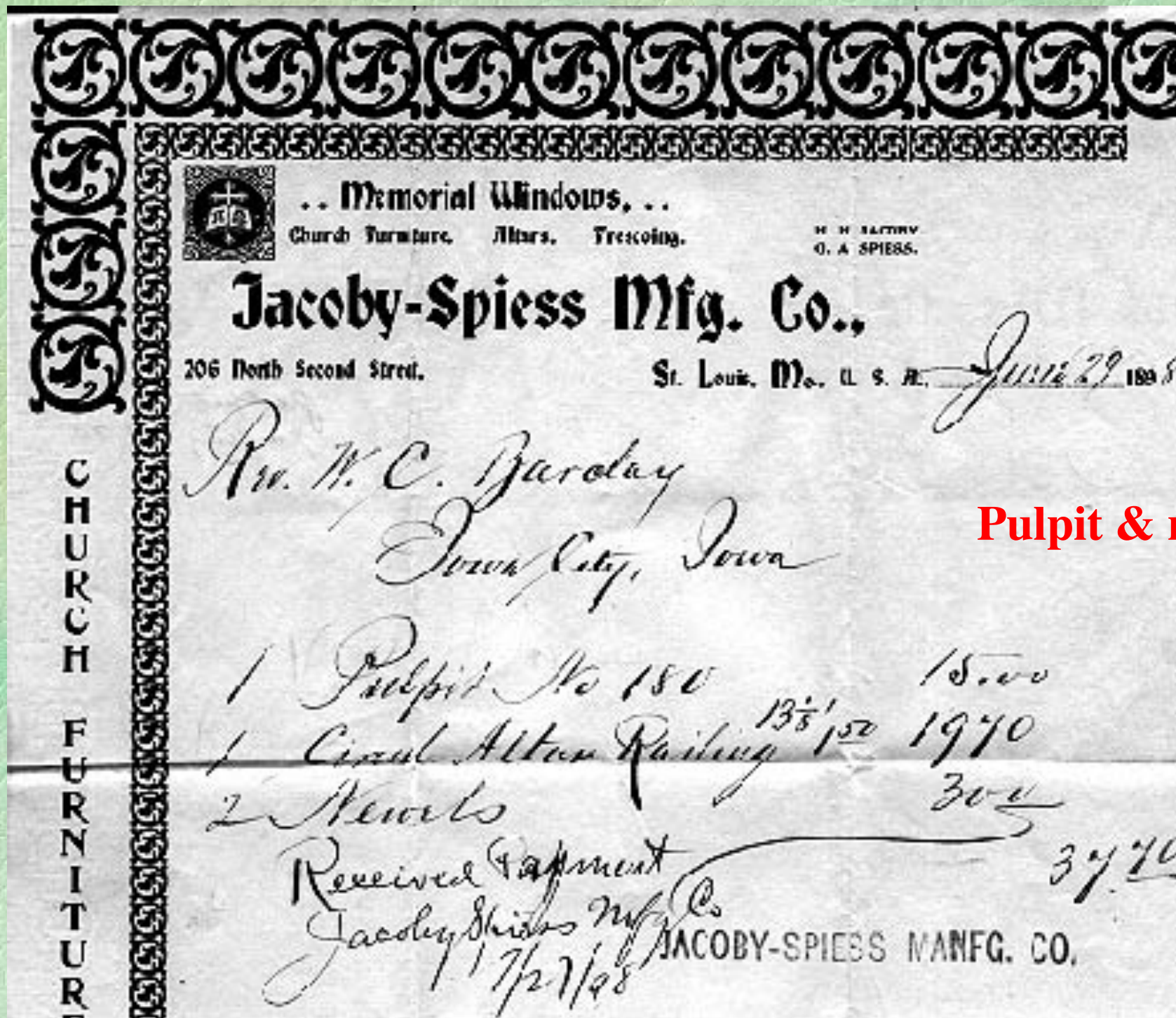
C. HURLEY,

OFFICE,
212 SOUTH CLINTON STREET.

PRACTICAL PLUMBER,
STEAM AND
GAS FITTER.....

June	15	10 ft - 1¼ Pipe 7½		75	
		2 - 1¼ Flanges 20		40	
		1 - 1¼ Coupling		10	
		1 - Hour Cutting		40	
					$1 65

Read payment —
C Hurley.



.. Memorial Windows, ..

Church Furniture. Altars. Frescoing.

H. H. JACOBY
G. A. SPIESS.

Jacoby-Spiess Mfg. Co.,

206 North Second Street. St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A. June 29 1898

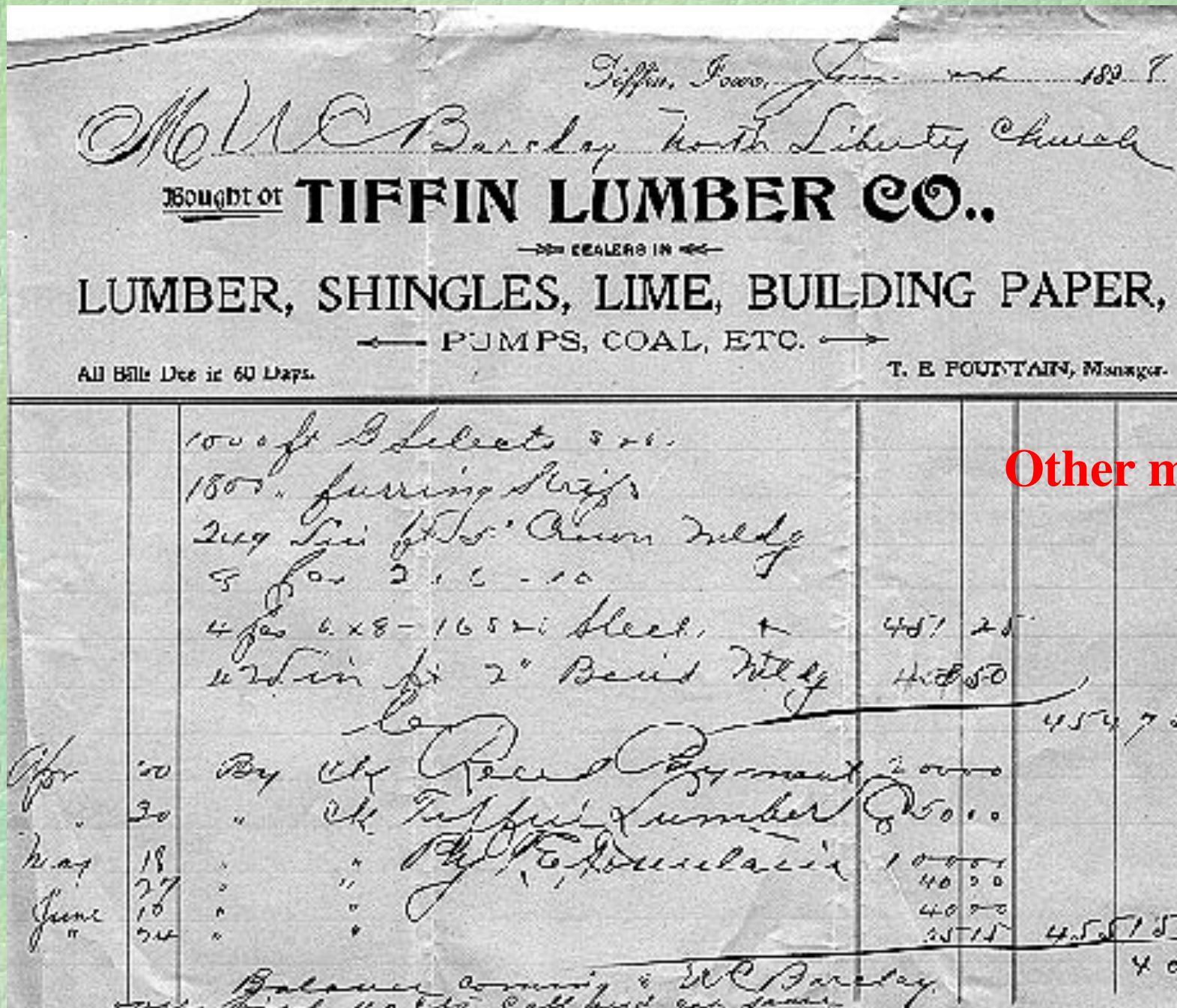
Rev. W. C. Barclay
Iowa City, Iowa

1 Pulpit No 180 15.00
1 Circul Altar Railing 13 1/8' 1.50 1970
2 Newels 30.00
Received Payment 37.70
Jacoby Spiess Mfg Co
7/27/98

JACOBY-SPIESS MANFG. CO.

CHURCH FURNITURE

Pulpit & rail



Tiffin, Iowa, June 1897

M U C Barclay North Liberty Church

Bought of **TIFFIN LUMBER CO.,**

DEALERS IN

LUMBER, SHINGLES, LIME, BUILDING PAPER,

PUMPS, COAL, ETC.

All Bills Due in 60 Days. T. E. FOUNTAIN, Manager.

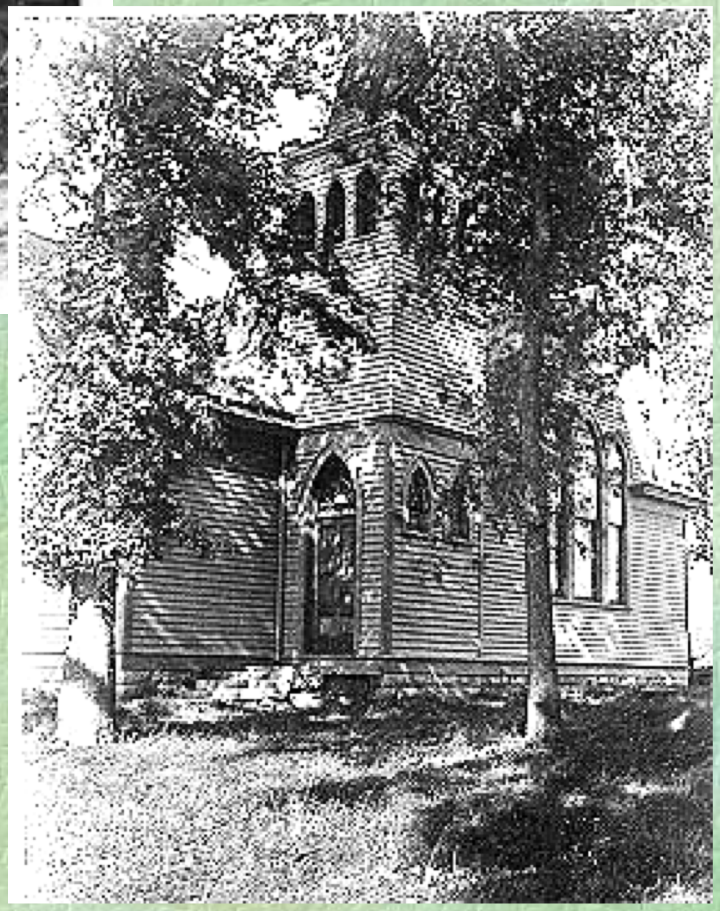
		1000 ft G Selects 8 x 6			
		1800 " furring Strips			
		249 Lin ft 5" Crown Mldg			
		8 fas 2 x 6 - 10			
		4 fas 6 x 8 - 16 S x 6 Sleet.	451	25	
		42 Lin ft 2" Bead Mldg	4	50	
					454 75
Apr	20	By Ck Reed Pyramid	20	00	
"	30	" Ck Tiffin Lumber Co	50	00	
May	18	" " Ck T. E. Fountain	100	00	
	27	" "	40	00	
June	10	" "	40	00	
"	24	" "	35	15	455 15
					40

Balance coming to U C Barclay

[illegible] 40 cts Call [illegible]

Other material

An early model of a personal air conditioning device commonly used during Sunday Services.



The vision was fulfilled…

a white wood structure with arched stained glass windows.

Bringing in the Sheaves

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness

Sowing in the noontide and the dewey eve;

Waiting for the Harvest, and the time of reaping,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Chorus:

Bringing in the sheaves,

Bringing in the sheaves,

We shall come rejoicing,

Bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,

Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;

By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves

Chorus:

Bringing in the sheaves,

Bringing in the sheaves,

We shall come rejoicing,

Bringing in the sheaves.

Go then ever weeping, sowing for the Master,

Tho' the loss sustained, our spirit often grieves;

When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

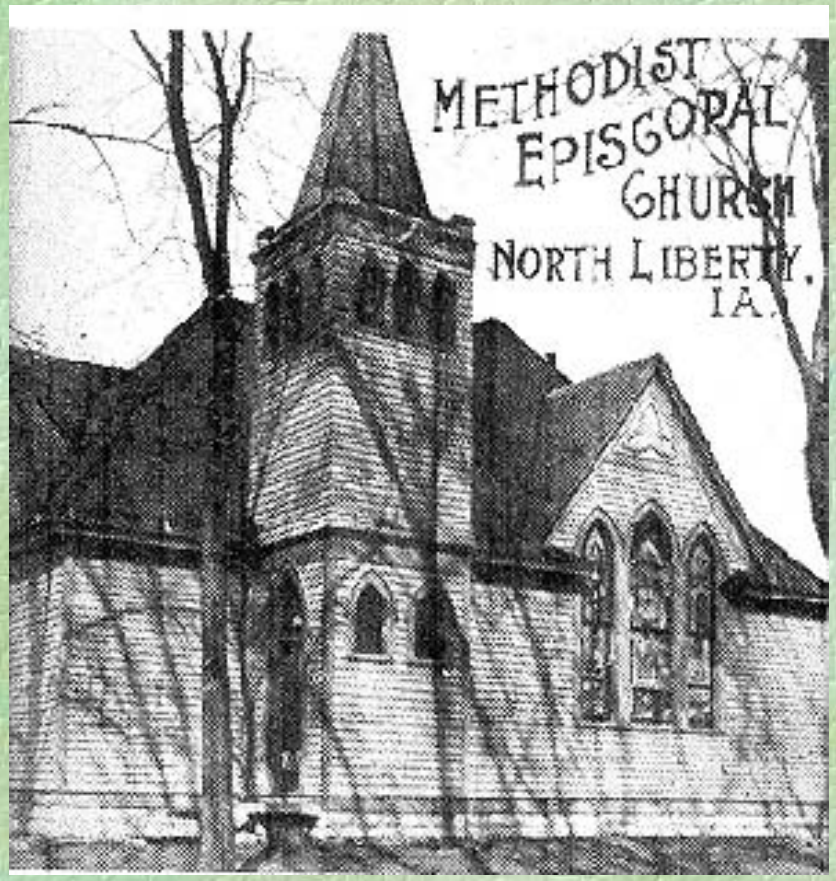
Chorus:

Bringing in the sheaves,

Bringing in the sheaves,

We shall come rejoicing,

Bringing in the sheaves.



Before the basement was added...

And after...

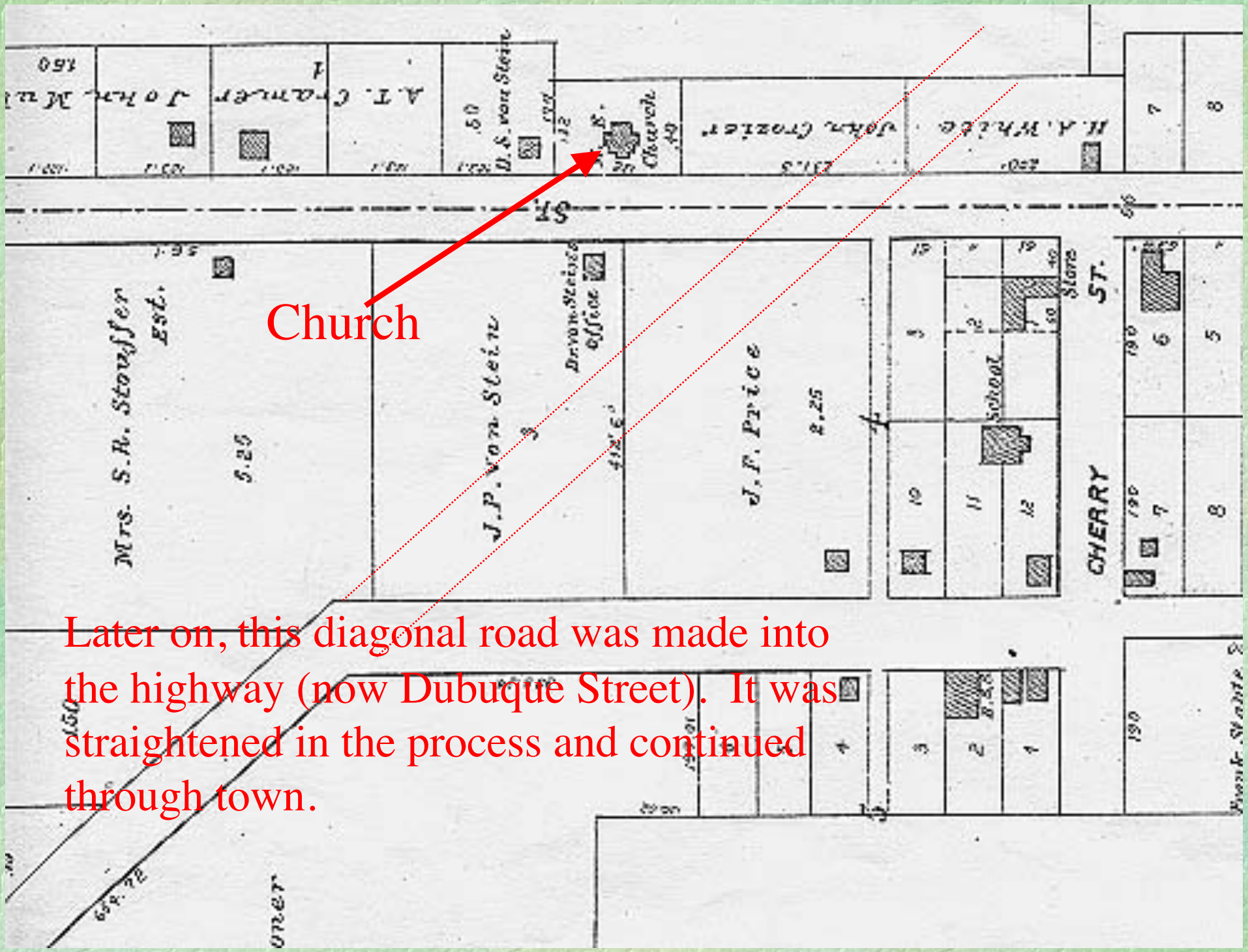
You can see the "new" kitchen in the background of these Sunday School pictures.

The church was specially decorated for Children's Day

1957 members of the True Blue class

A view down the street of the old parsonage with the church behind…

and an enlarged view below.

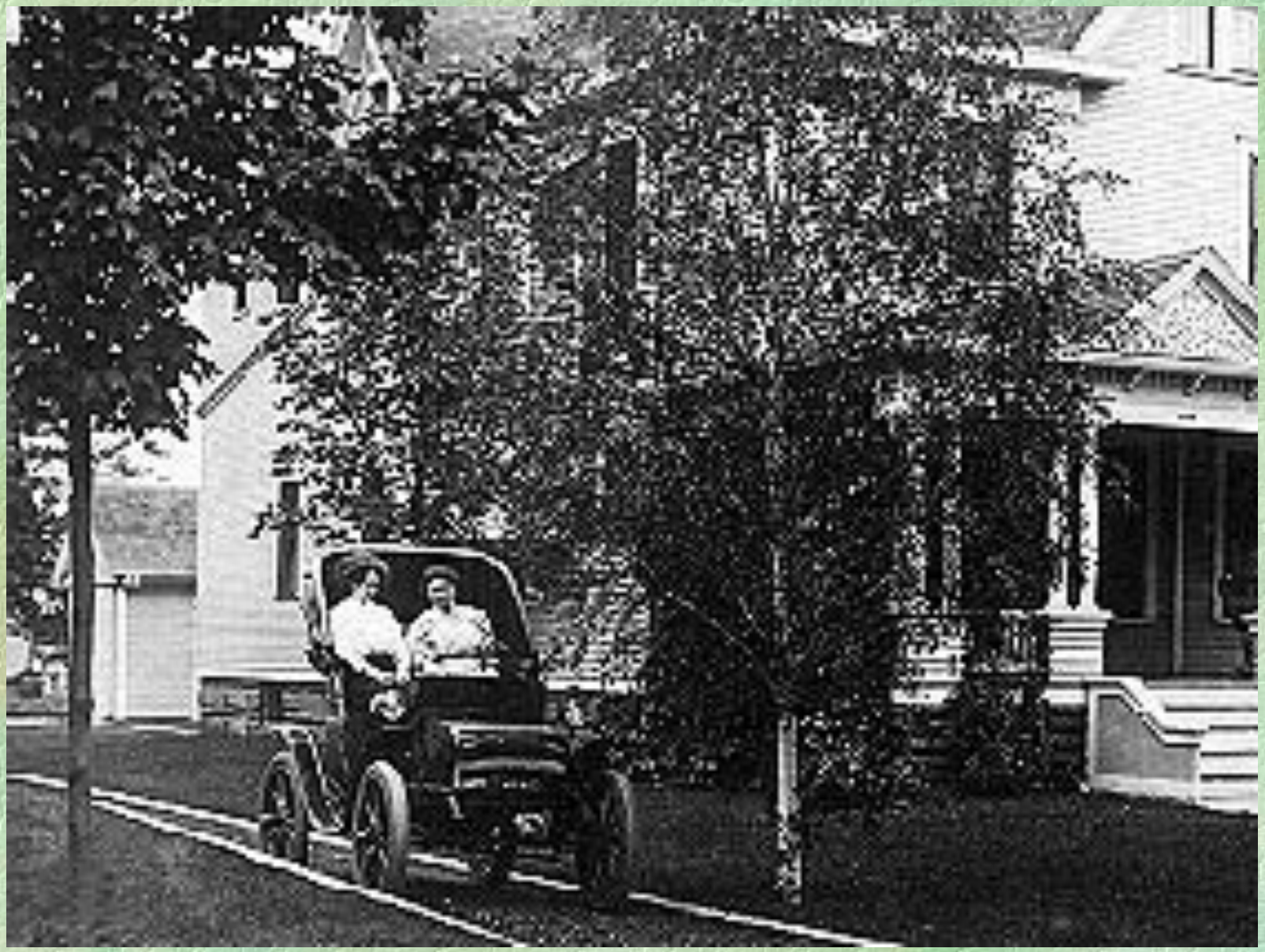


Later on, this diagonal road was made into the highway (now Dubuque Street). It was straightened in the process and continued through town.

House on the corner of Stewart and Cherry

Now McTaggart Law office

This view of town was taken from the top of the elevator which used to stand near the railroad tracks off Cherry Street. The picture is from the turn of the century and looks to the South East.

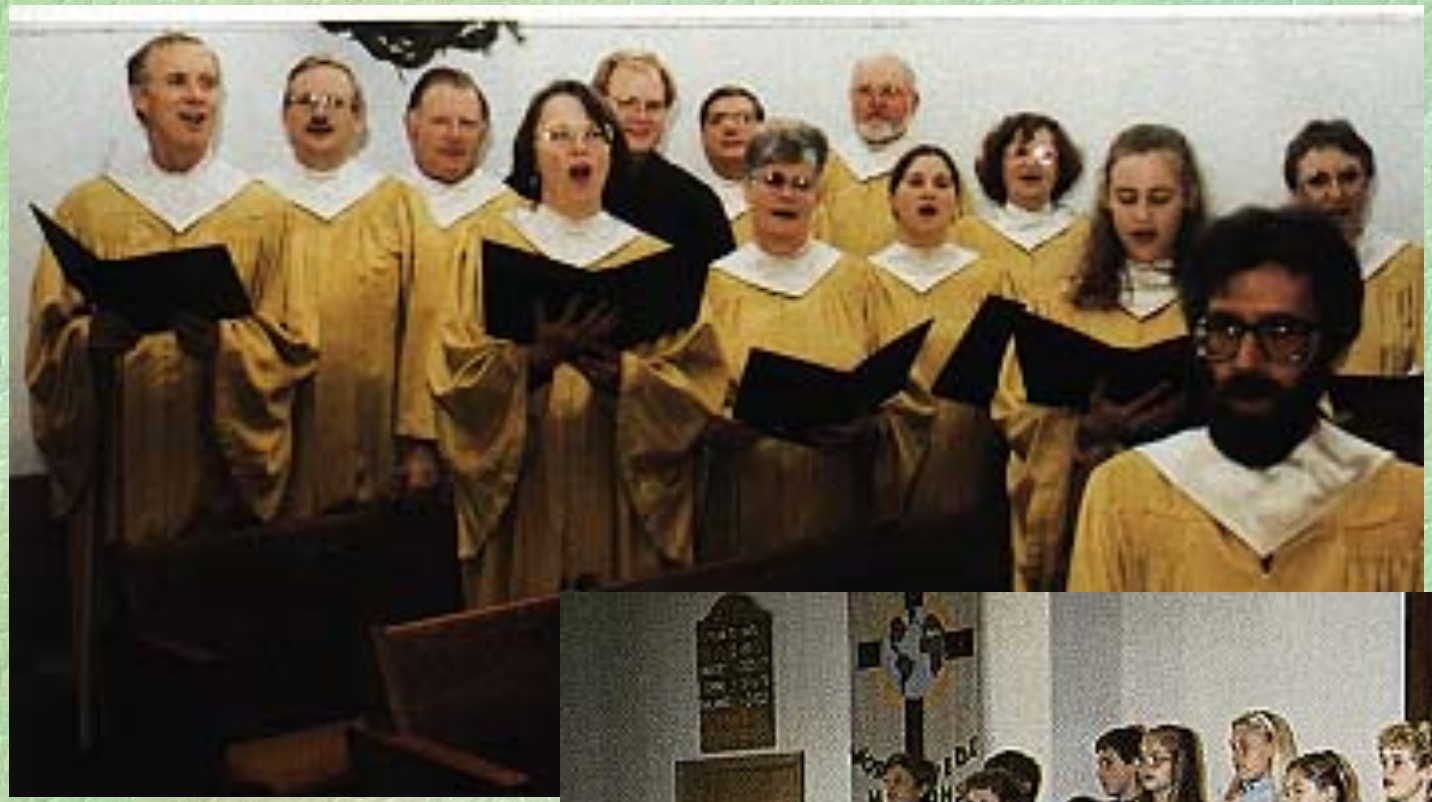


Sometime not long after, this car might have been driving along the street in the picture taken from the elevator, going south on Stewart toward Cherry Street.

The North Liberty Band

Bud and Walt's garage was eventually built on property formerly owned by the church. Stopping at Bud and Walt's was a Sunday tradition for many who picked up their Sunday paper there.

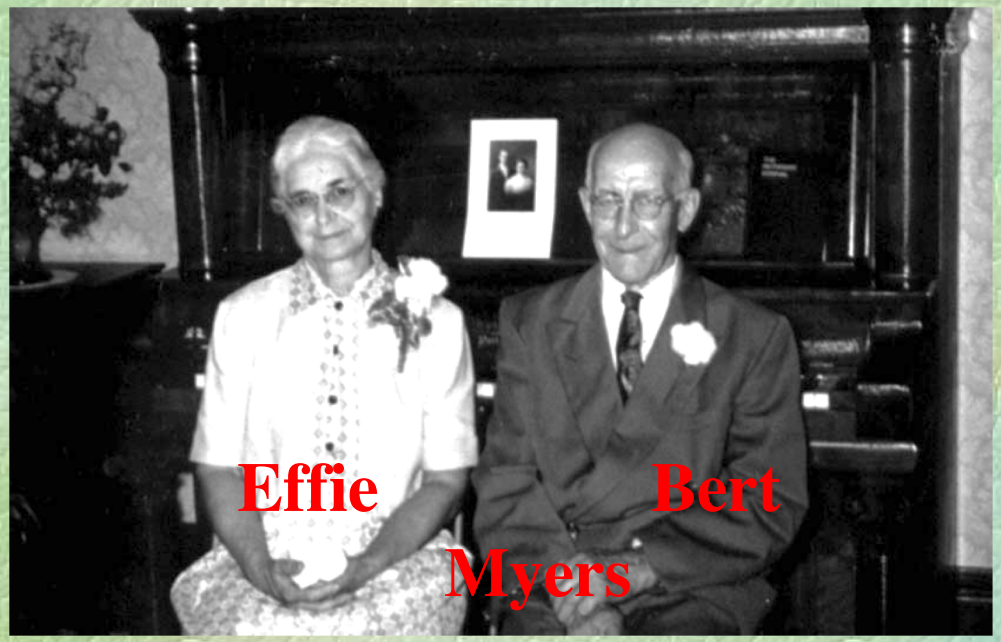
For those who can't remember, this is what an outhouse looked like.



Adult choir
1991

Children's choir
1989

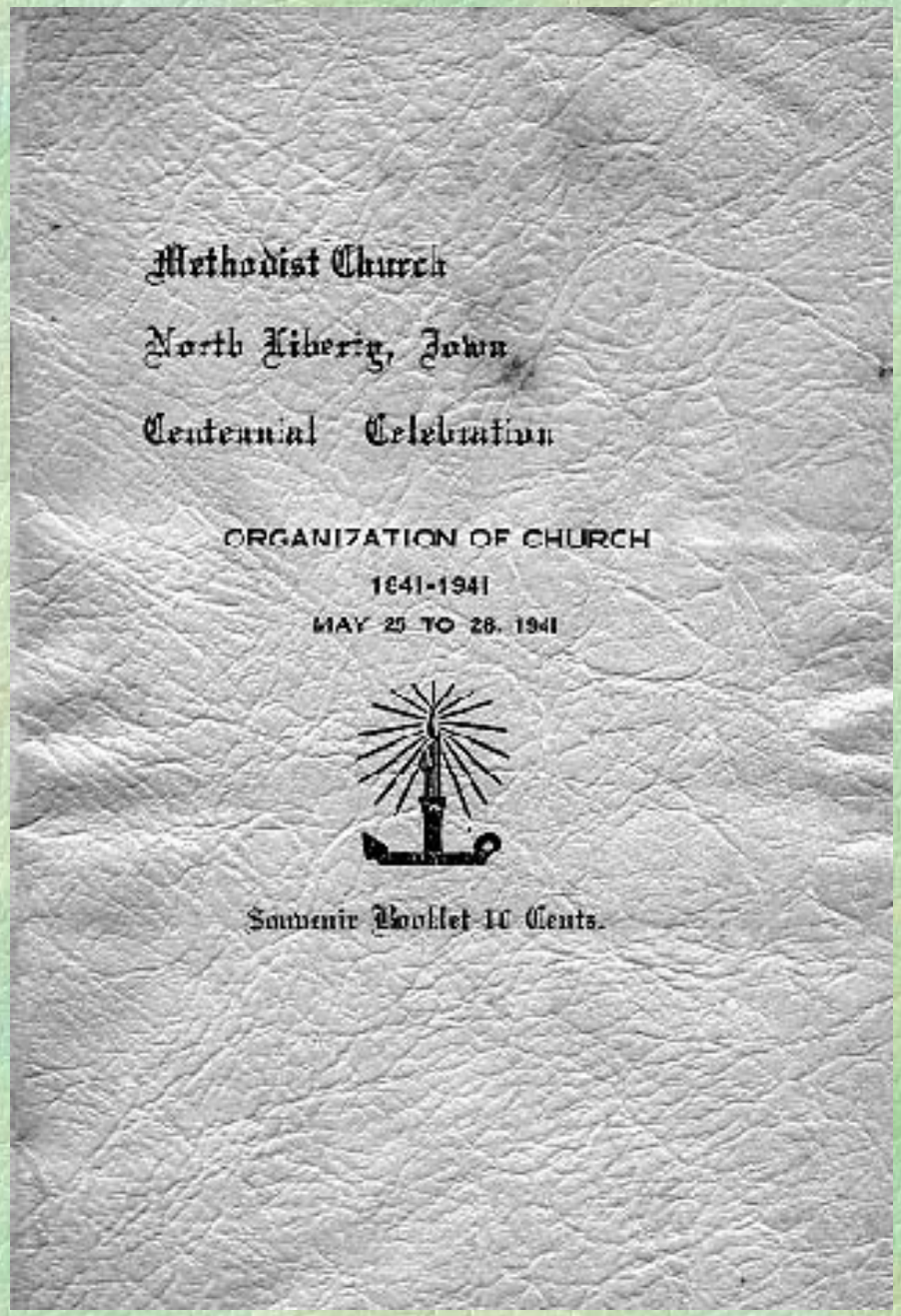
Some other musicians through the years...



Roberta Simmons

Lloyd and Norma Myers
& Mabel Snavely

Centennial Celebration program from 1941



Methodist Church

North Liberty, Iowa

Centennial Celebration

ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH

1841-1941

MAY 25 TO 28, 1941

Souvenir Booklet 10 Cents.

Bless This House

Bless this house, O Lord we pray,

Make it safe by night and day

Bless these walls, so firm and stout,

Keeping want and trouble out.

Bless the roof and chimneys tall,

Let thy peace lie over all;

Bless this door, that it may prove

Ever open to joy and love.

Bless these windows shining bright,

Letting in God's Heavenly light;

Bless the hearth a blazing there,

Bless the folks who dwell within

Keep them pure and free from sin

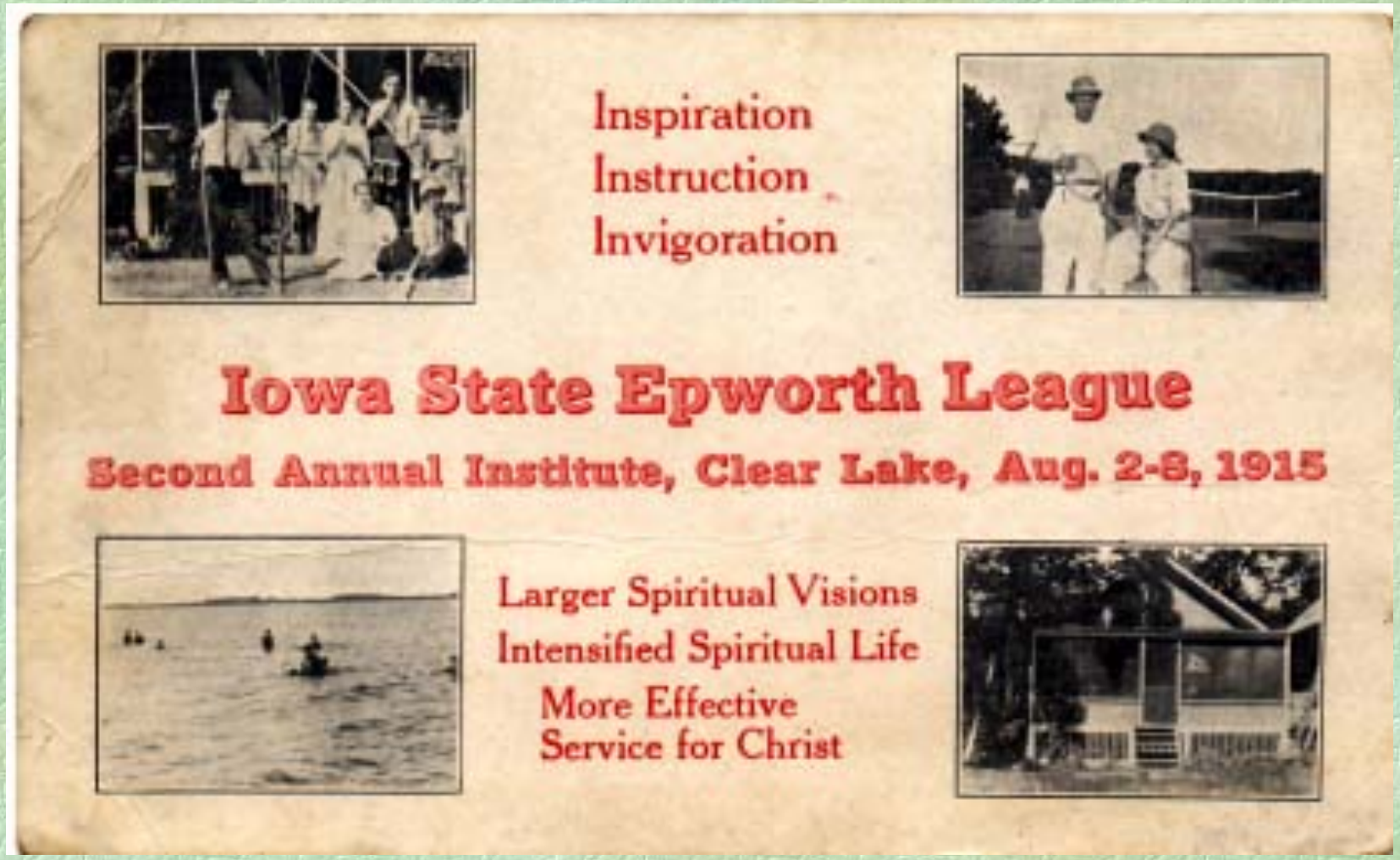
Bless us all that we may be,

Fit, O Lord to dwell with Thee;

Bless us all that one day we

May dwell O Lord, with Thee.

The Epworth League was active in the teens, but gave way in 1941 to the MYF or Methodist Youth Fellowship.



Ah…Youth!

Youth picnic with Rev. Brent leading a prayer...

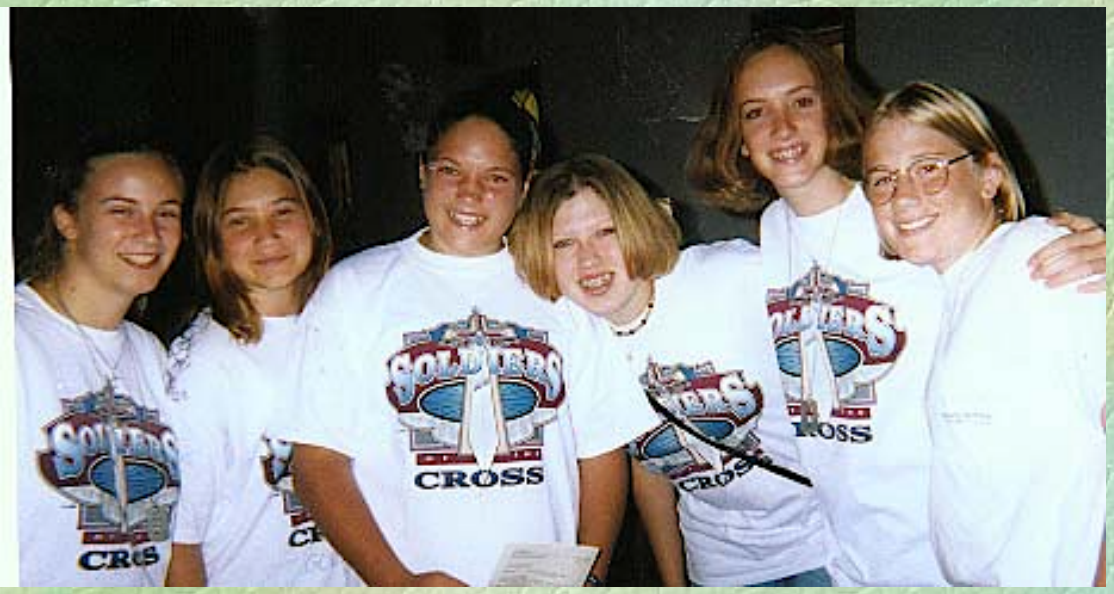
Methodist Youth Fellowship in the 60's

One project I well remember was the MYF created a slide show of pictures to accompany the music of Jesus Christ Superstar. It was presented at Easter Sunrise Service.

For the times, it must have been quite a culture shock, but the youth were allowed to present their message.

Yes, we goofed around then too!

MYF no longer, just YF



CITY WEST
98

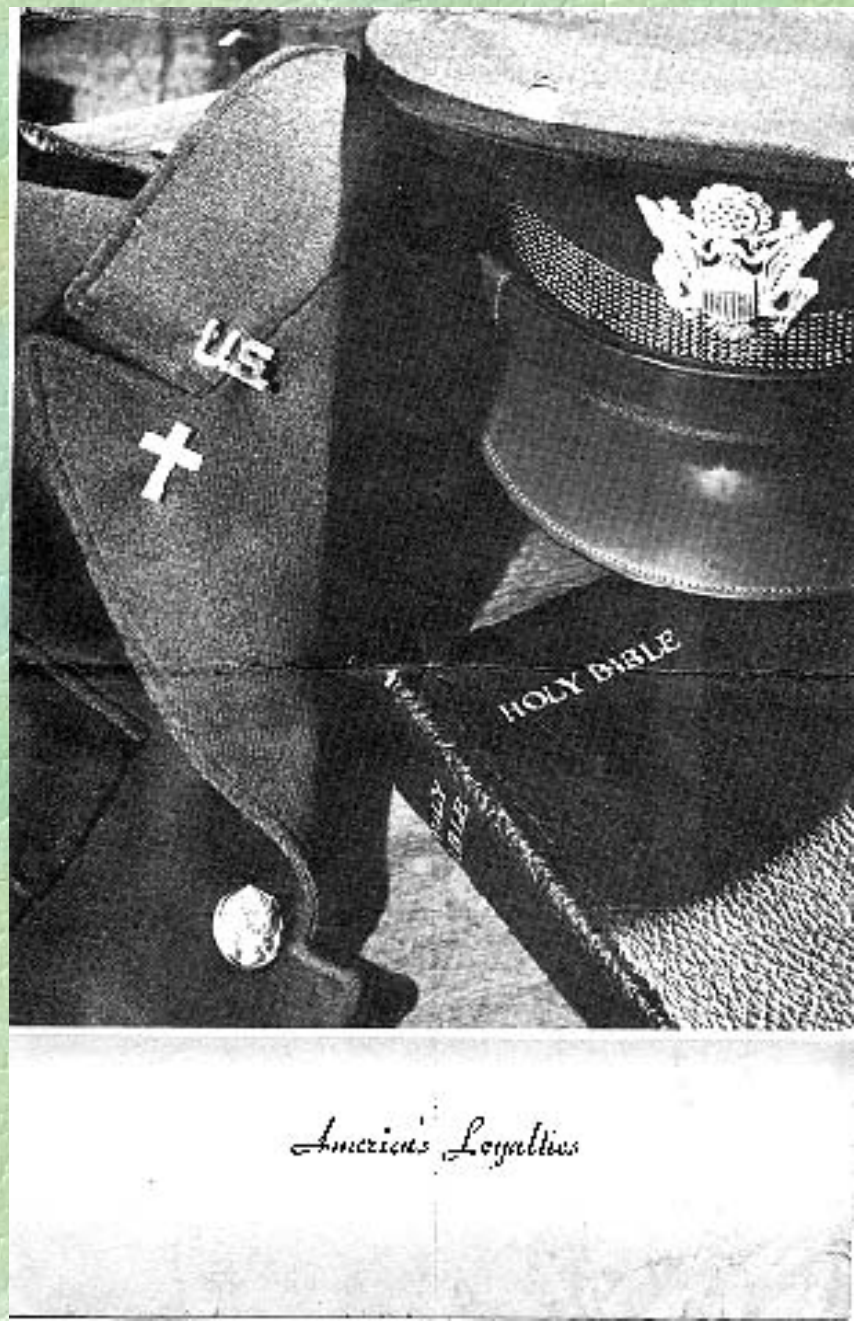
Reverend Brent's wedding announcement

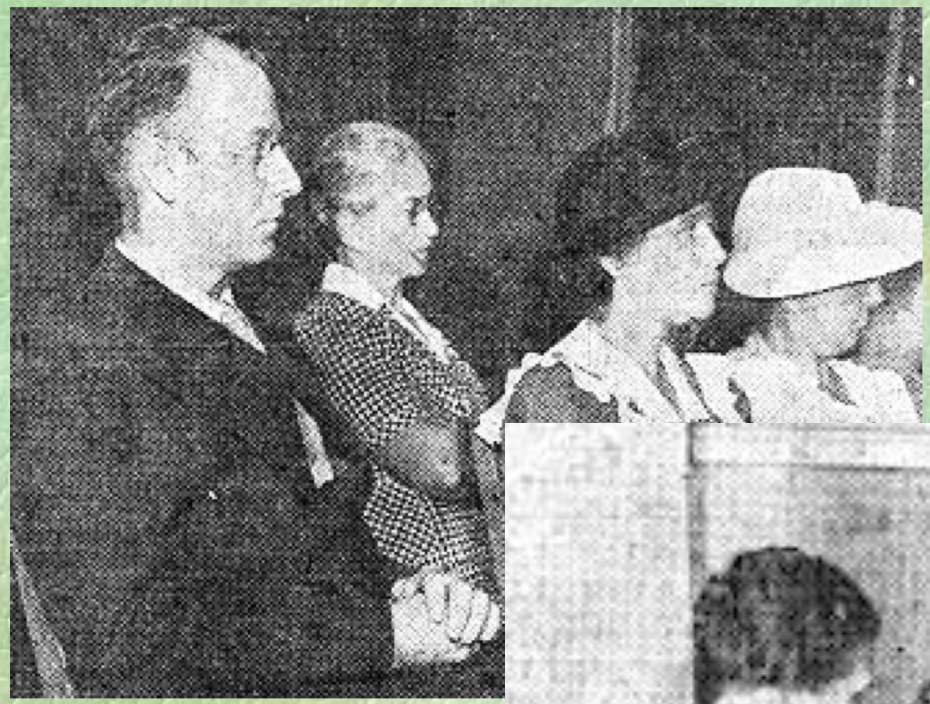
Newlyweds Reside in North Liberty

THE REV. AND MRS. ARTHUR E. BRENT

8-18-43

World War II brought lots of changes and some special services and concerns...





From an article…Wartime Extends Ladies Aid Society

Reverend Brent Attends WSCS

Ladies make refreshments

Onward Christian Soldiers

Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war

With the Cross of Jesus going on before.

Christ the Royal Master leads against the foe;

Forward into battle, see, his banners go!

Chorus:

Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war

With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God,

Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;

We are not divided, all one body we,

One in hope, and doctrine, one in charity.

Chorus:

Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war

With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Crowns and thorns may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,

But the Church of Jesus constant will remain;

Gates of hell can never ‘gainst the Church prevail,

We have Christ’s own promise and that cannot fail.

Chorus:

Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war

With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Onward then, ye people, join the happy throng.

Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;

Glory, laud and honor, unto Christ the King,

This ‘thro countless ages men and angels sing.

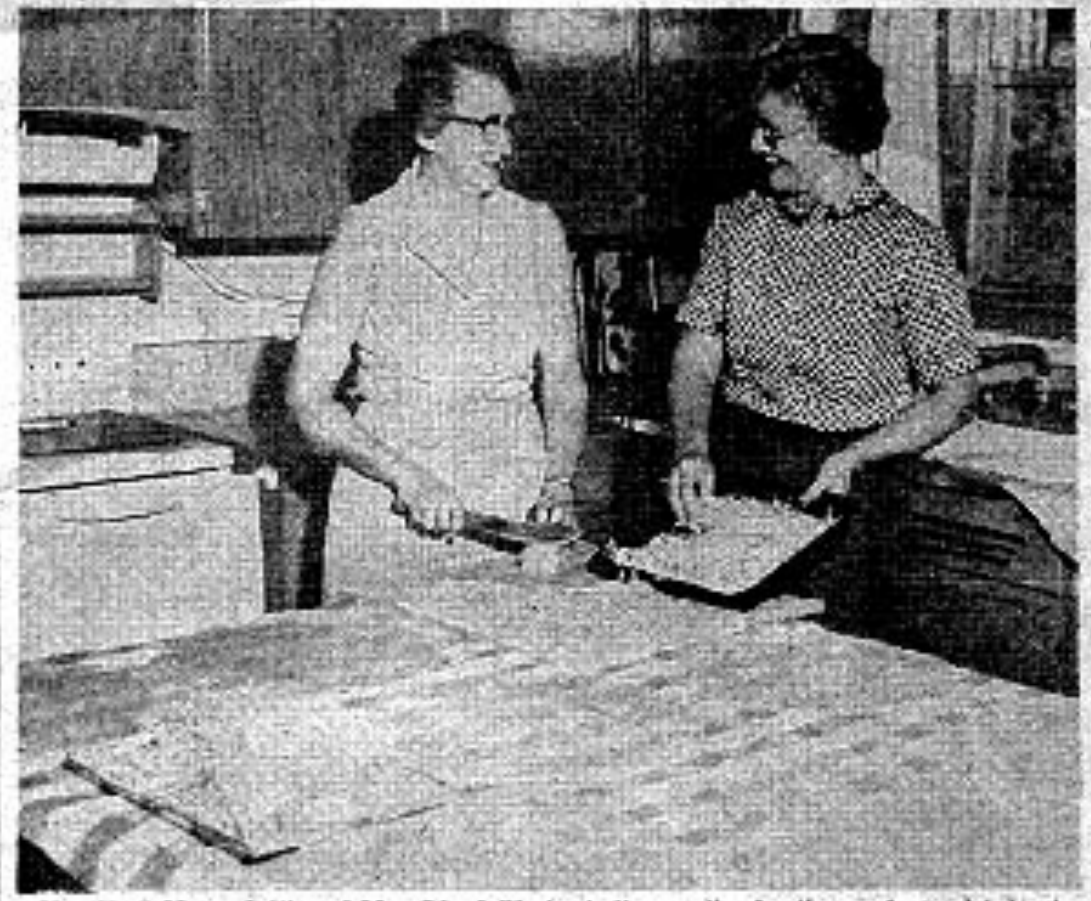
Chorus:

Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war

With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Football dinners

Oodles of Noodles for Famished Fans



Mrs. Emil Nosy (left) and Mrs. Lloyd Rinehart slice noodles for the meal served today to Iowa football fans at the North Liberty Methodist church. Mrs. Nosy is the noodle specialist and she makes more than a bushel of them. The North Liberty church will earn about $1,300 this season from football dinners. It is one of several community churches in this area that profit from the games in Iowa stadium. (Press-Citizen Photo.)

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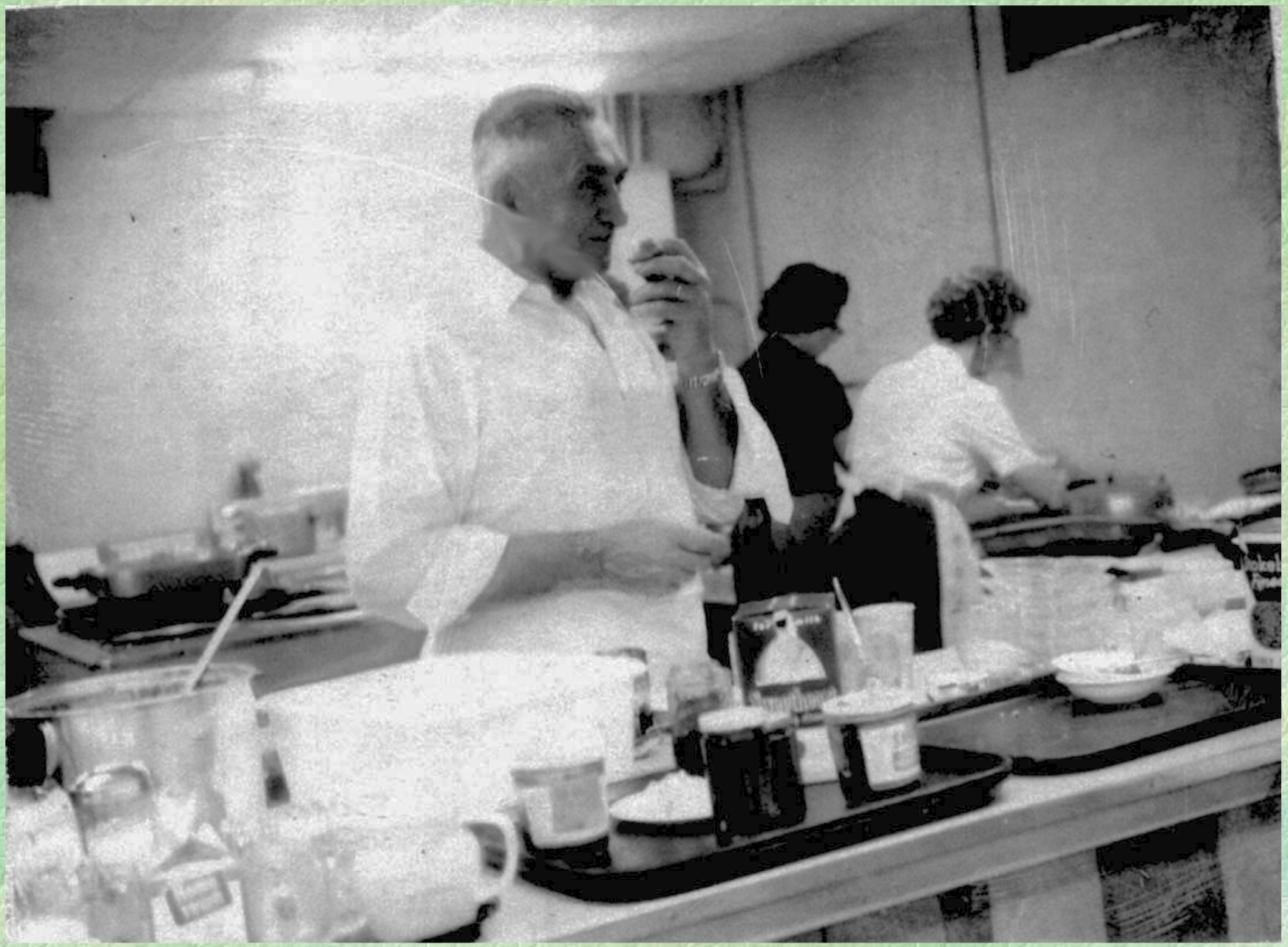
Appetites of Grid Fans Aid Church Fund Raising



Milo Novak quality checks the food while the ladies cook…

Is cleanliness REALLY next to Godliness? These folks have a head start!

1957 members of the Fireside class.

Other early Sunday School pictures...

Parsonage Dedication

North Liberty Methodist Church

North Liberty, Iowa

Parsonage Dedication Service

Sunday, August 29, 1954

2:00 P.M.

AREA BISHOP, F. GERALD ENSLEY

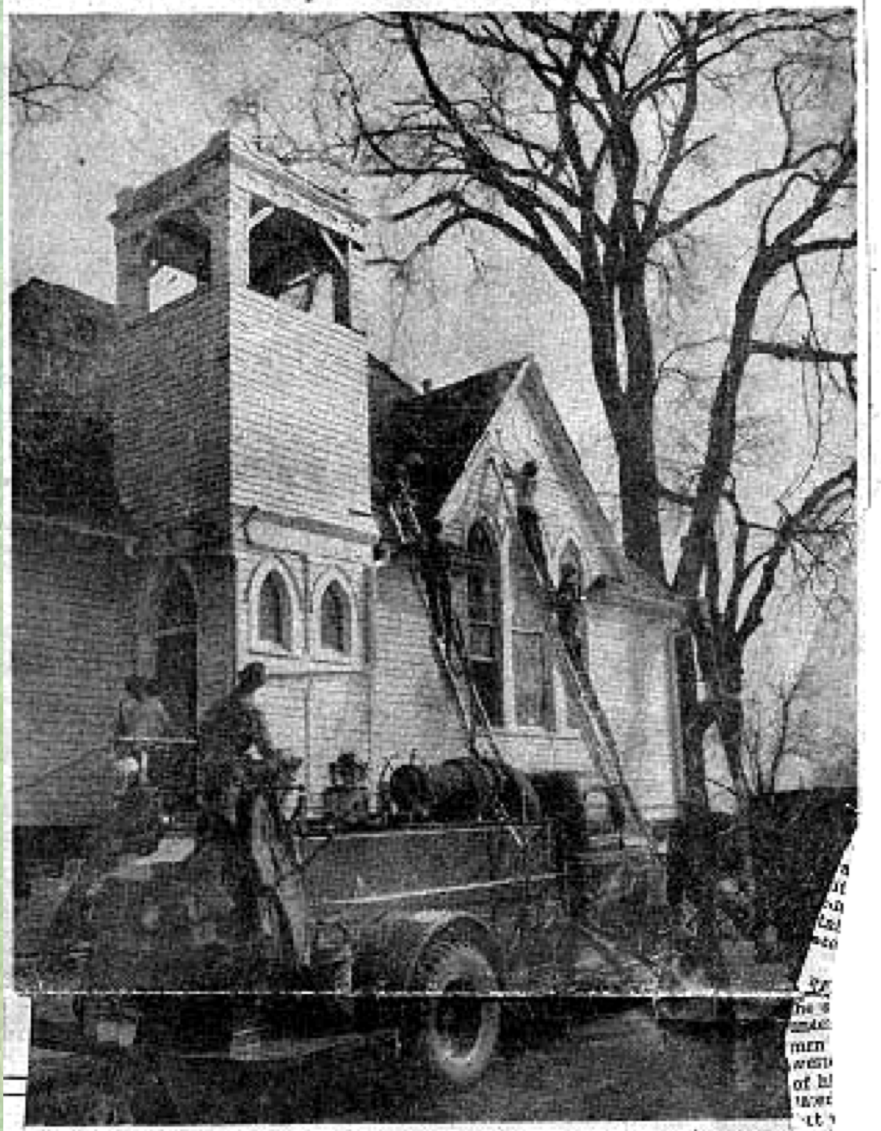
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, WILLIAM F. OVERHULSER

RESIDENT MINISTER, RAYMOND D. MOORE

There were lots of showers and wedding receptions in the old church basement...

FIRE!

Seek To Quench Fire at Church



Volunteer firemen were forced to chop holes in the roof and walls of the North Methodist church this morning in order to fight a fire inside the walls. Here firemen on the roof as they cut holes and spray water into the close quarters. No estimate of damage has been made. (Press-Citizen Photo.)

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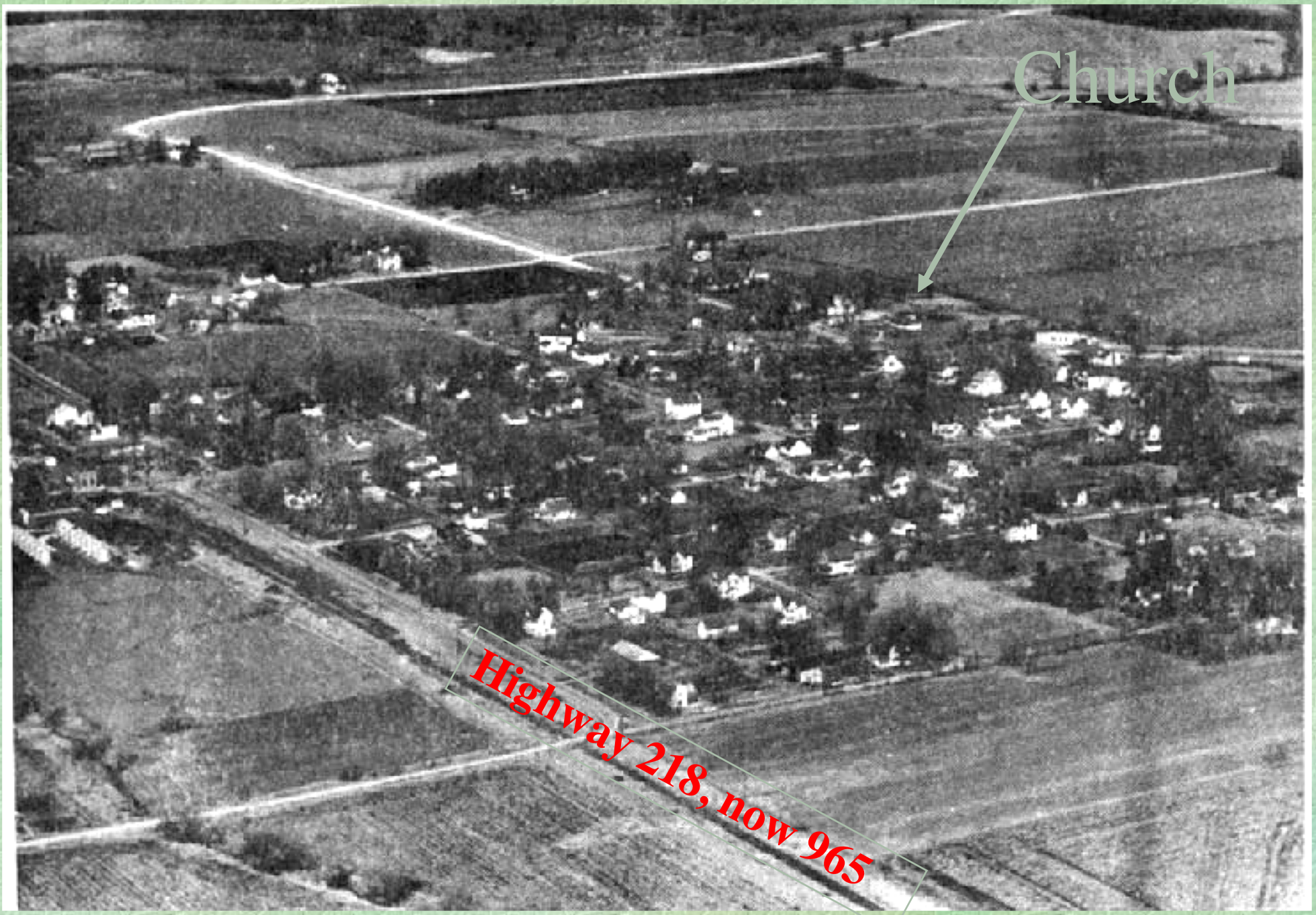
North Liberty Methodist Church Damaged by Fire



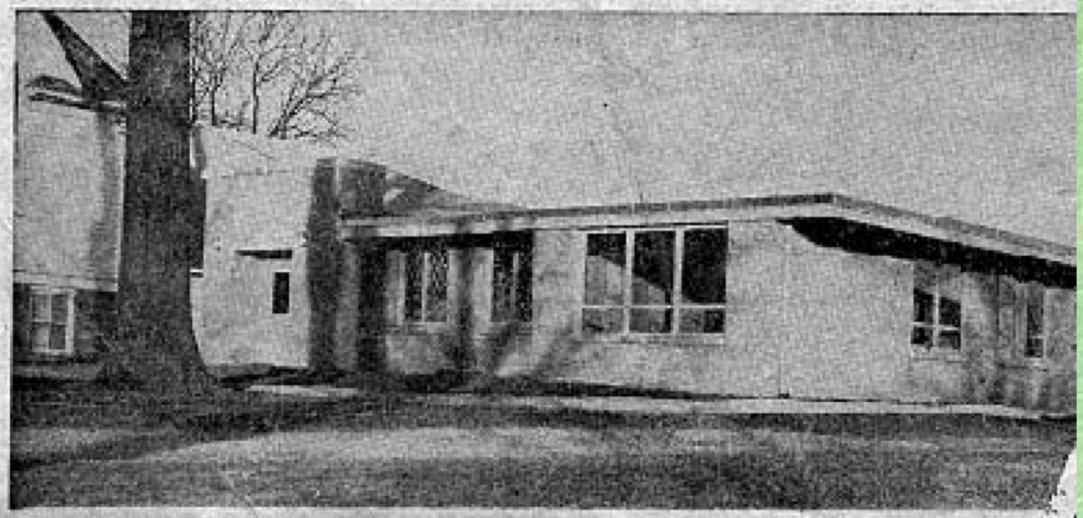
An aerial view of town in the 50's

Aerial view of the church and parsonage taken in the 50's

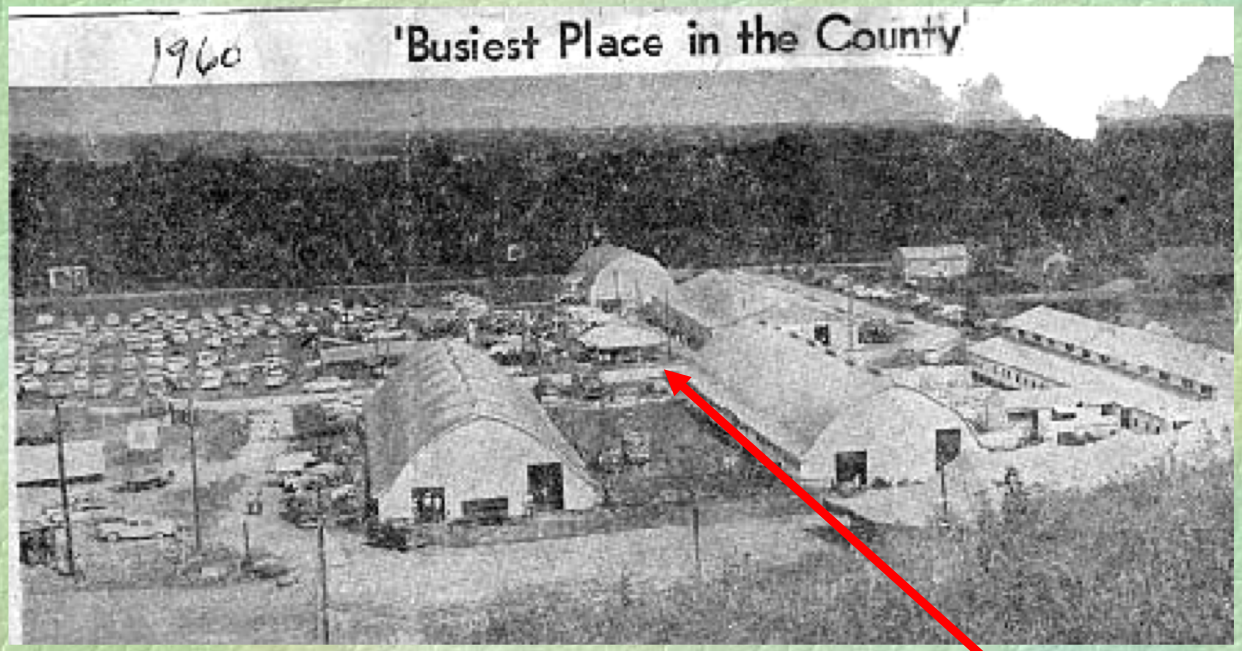
First educational unit completed...

4—Iowa City Press-Citizen—Friday, Jan. 13, 1961

Six-Year Dream Realized



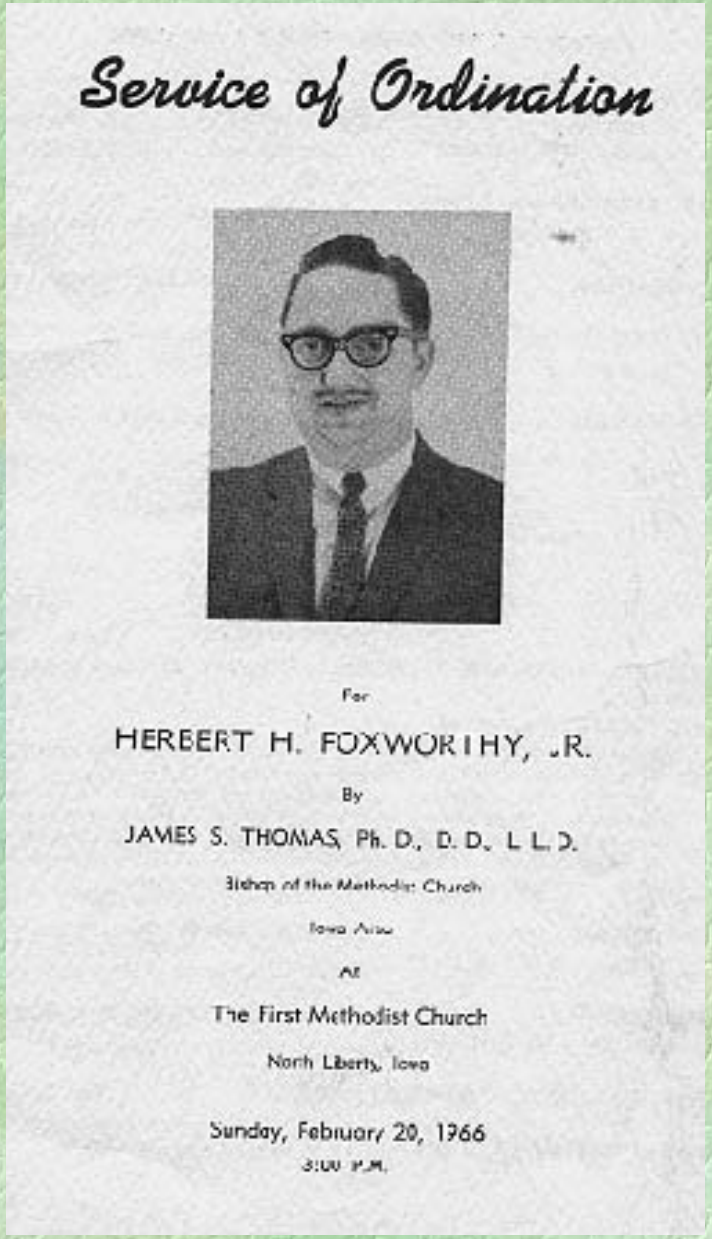
The North Liberty Methodist church will consecrate this $88,000 educational addition at a worship service at 11 a.m. t
The unit is the realization of a six year dream



An aerial view of the fairgrounds

And an enlarged view of our food booth

Raising money at the 4-H fair



Service of Ordination

For

HERBERT H. FOXWORTHY, JR.

By

JAMES S. THOMAS, Ph. D., D. D., L. L. D.

Bishop of the Methodist Church

Iowa Area

At

The First Methodist Church

North Liberty, Iowa

Sunday, February 20, 1966

3:00 P.M.

Bishop Thomas and Herbert Foxworthy at Herb's ordination ceremony in 1966.

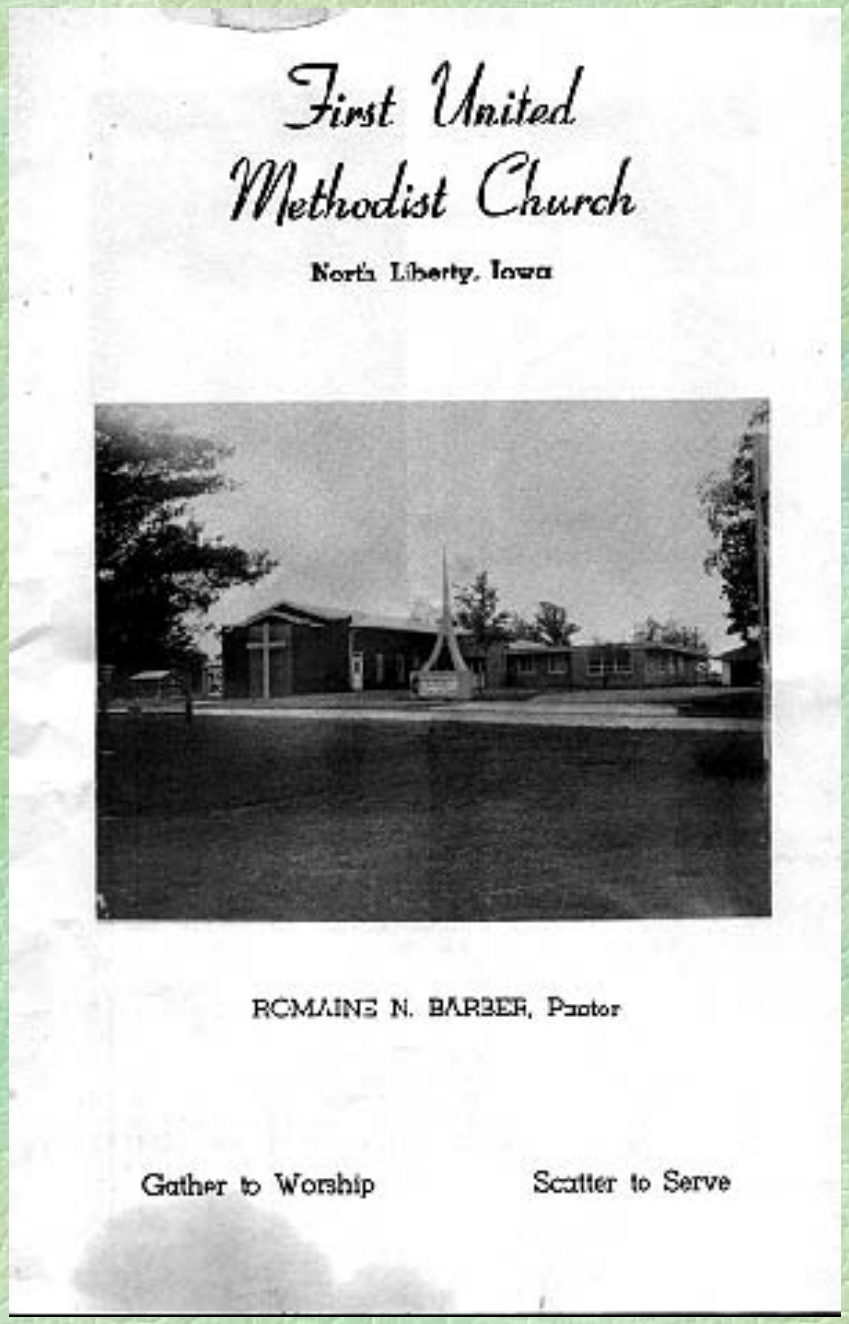
WSCS

Women's Society of Christian Service

Building the sanctuary...

And the first service in the new sanctuary is a Christmas Eve service.

Bell tower added in honor of Milo Novak



First United
Methodist Church

North Liberty, Iowa

RCMAINE N. BARBER, Pastor

Gather to Worship Scatter to Serve

Dedication of the new sanctuary

The North Liberty Methodist church's new Sunday school wing forms a second story over the original church. The new addition was partially constructed several years ago when a portion of the church needed reroofing, and the outside shell of the addition was built along with the new roof. Construction to finish the addition began in January of 1984.

More pictures on page 3.

Sept 6th 1984 Edition

The Sunday school rooms Are framed…

And finished

And Sunday School was held..

Communion stewards for many years were members of the Alt family

Eliza Kepford Alt

Emma Stewart Alt

Agda Eldeen Alt

Lucille Colony became a missionary to India and the church members were interested and supported her efforts.

Raymond White

Paul and Sue Meade

Burr Bryant and family

Quilting projects…

Bake sales

Making cookies

Football dinners

Oodles of Noodles for Famished Fans

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Appetites of Grid Fans Aid Church Fund Raising

More noodles...

And Christmas auctions

The church members sponsored many activities and projects over the years.

Food pantry

Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup!!

Football dinners and dinners of all kinds...

Fellowship and food is a great Methodist tradition of long standing!!

And the new church progresses from an idea to reality.

Thank you for coming…

This show was created through the help of many people, especially those who saved programs, clippings, pictures and memories from all those years.

Special thanks to Margaret Novak Probasco for her key role, and to Joan Alt Belknap for the digital entertainment.